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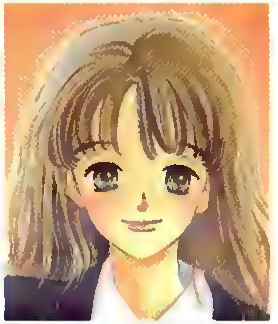

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SATOKO HAS BEEN LIVING HAPPILY WITH HER MOTHER EVEN THOUGH HER FATHER HAS PASSED AWAY. ONE DAY, SHE FOUND HER APARTMENT EMPTY AFTER COMING BACK FROM SCHOOL. WHEN SHE FINALLY FOUND HER MOTHER IN THE FAMOUS WAKUDERA FAMILY, SHE WAS TOLD THAT SHE'S ENGAGED TO THE 10-YEAR-OLD MASTER OF THE FAMILY!!

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HIYA EVERYONE! HOW ARE YA? WE HOPE YOU'RE ENJOYING "DEAR MINE"!!

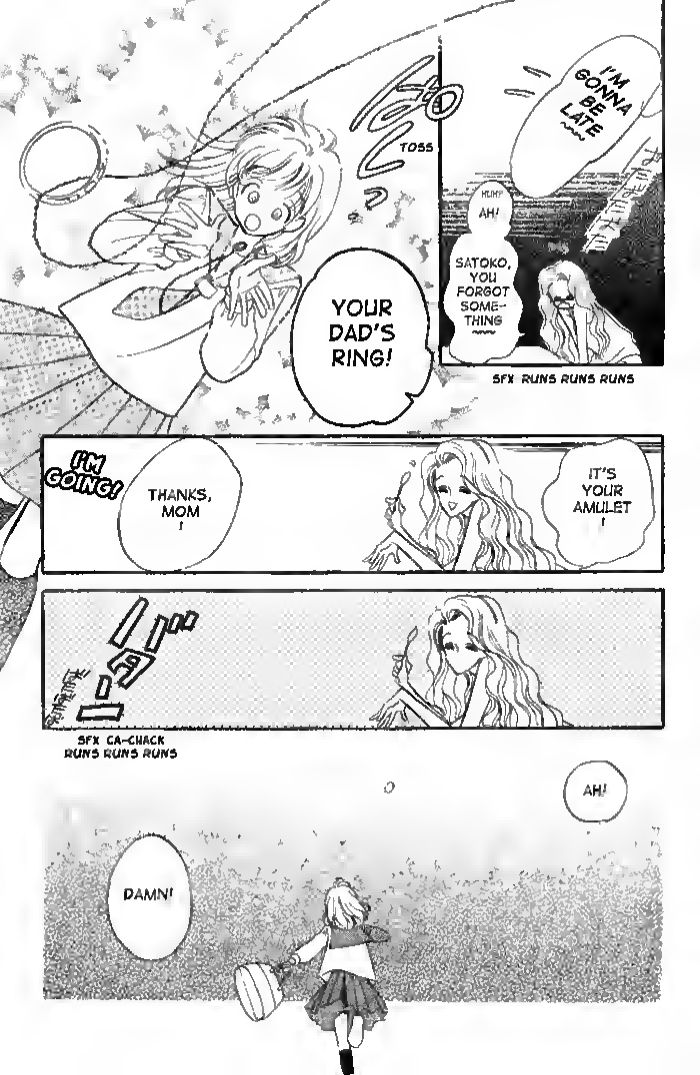
HOW HAPPY WE ARE WHENEVER WE RELEASE A NEW CHAPTER! HOWEVER --- WE CAN'T RELEASE TOO OFTEN... BECAUSE WE REALLY LACK EDITORS AND CHINESE/JAPANESE TRANSLATORS! WE HAVE BUNCH OF RAWS IN OUR STORAGE WHICH HAVE BEEN LYING THERE FOREVER. MOST OF THEM ARE GREAT SERIES THAT ARE NOT RELEASED ANYWHERE. WE'D LOVE TO RELEASE THEM FOR YOU, BUT WHO KNOWS WHEN...?

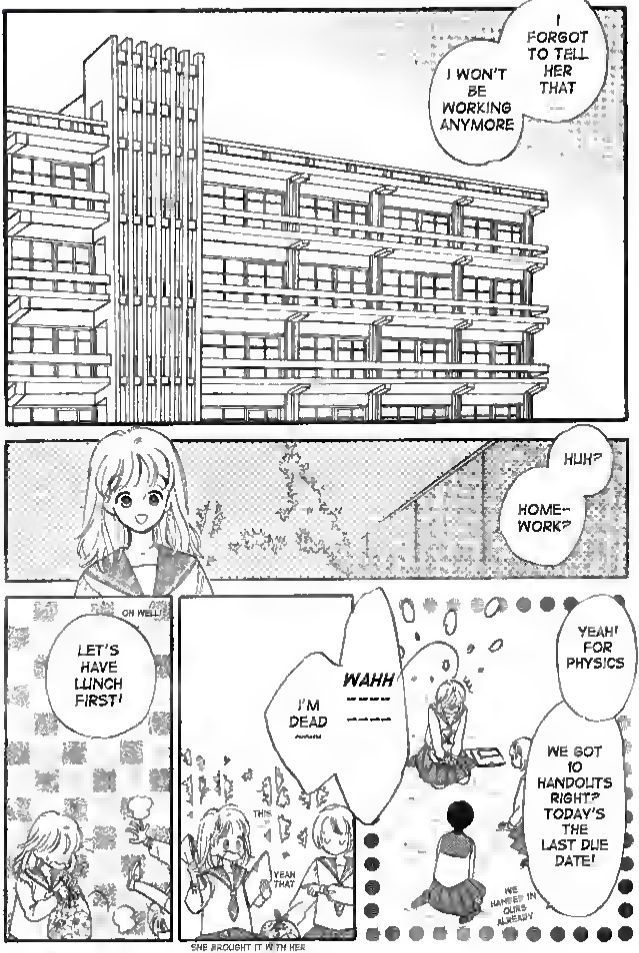
PLEASE HELP US! REALLY, JUST A BIT OF CONTRIBUTION WILL EARN YOU THE TOP PRIVILEGE TO EVERYTHING IN OUR GROUP! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, STAFF@ENDLESSDIMENSION.COM.NET WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU TO SPAM, LOL

LOVE, ED STAFF

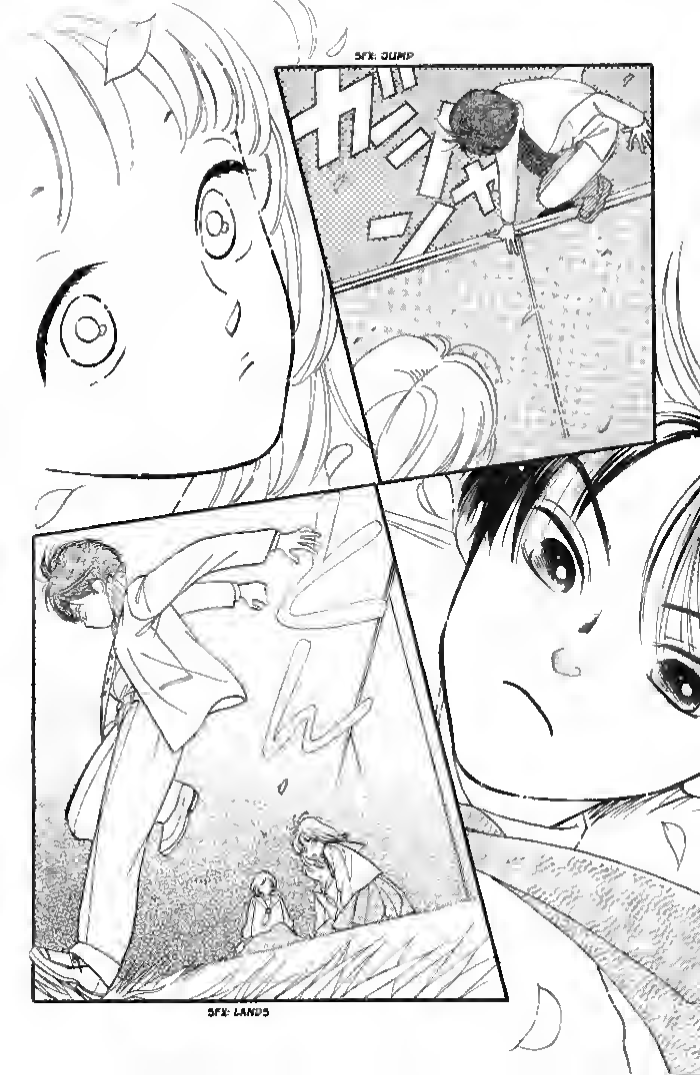
I WILL PROTECT YOU.
NO MATTER WHEN,
NO MATTER WHERE.

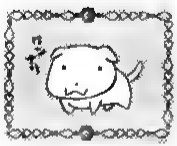
CHIRP
CHIRP
MOM!
M-O-M!
IF YOU DON'T WAKE UP, YOU'LL BE LATE FOR WORK!
HURRY AND GET UP!
WAHH ~~~~~~~ IT'S THIS TIME ALREADY !?
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR DINNER. WHO TOLD YOU TO COME HOME LATE LAST NIGHT.
MY FAVOURITE
WAH! IT'S AN OMELETTE ~~~


I'M GONNA BE LATE
HURRY
AH!
SATOKO, YOU FORGOT SOME-- THING
SFX RUNS RUNS RUNS
TOSS
YOUR DAD'S RING!
I'M GOING!
THANKS, MOM!
IT'S YOUR AMULET!
SFX CA-CHACK RUNS RUNS RUNS
AH!
DAMN!


I FORGOT TO TELL HER THAT
I WON'T BE WORKING ANYMORE
HUH?
HOME-WORK?
OH WELL!
LET'S HAVE LUNCH FIRST!
WAHH
I'M DEAD
THIS
YEAH THAT
SHE BROUGHT IT WITH HER
YEAH! FOR PHYSICS
WE GOT 10 HANDOUTS RIGHT? TODAY'S THE LAST DUE DATE!
WE HANDED IN OURS ALREADY

LET'S FILL OUR STOMACH FIRST!
IT WILL GIVE US ENERGY!
TAN DAH
YOUU UUU ~~~~!
MORE LIKE THE ENERGY TO FACE SCOLDING
THE ENERGY TO DO HOME-WORK?
BELIEVE ME! WHEN YOU'RE HUNGRY, YOU CAN'T DO ANY WORK!
IF WE JUST LEAVE THINGS ALONE, WE'LL GET DEPRESSED!
AM I RIGHT?
SOUNDS LOGICAL!
SFX. "CA-CHANG"


SFX: JUMP
ガシャン
SFX: LANDS

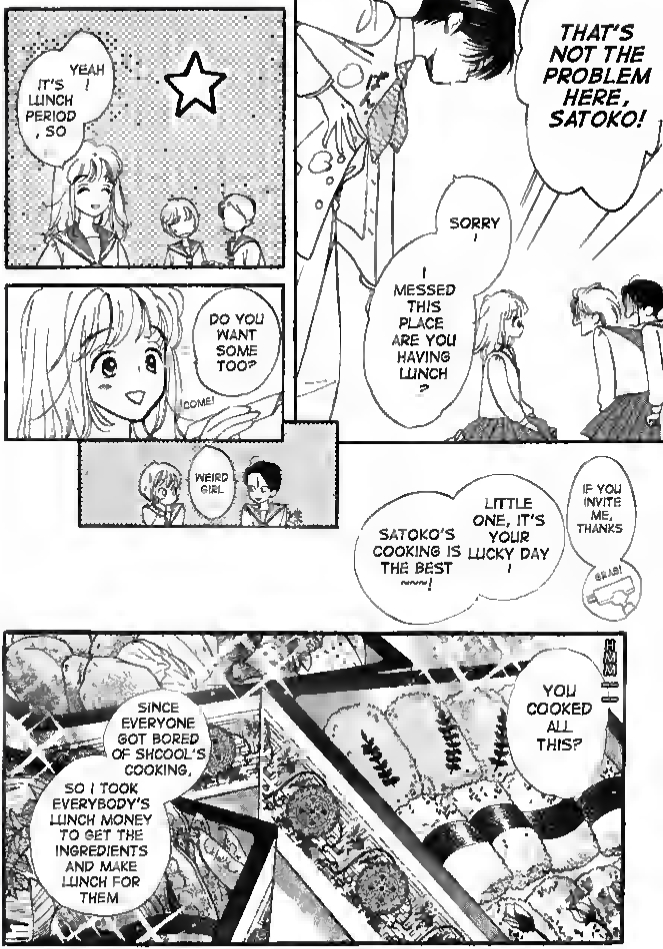


SFX. WAN WAN

I KNOW THAT DOG.

SHE LIVES IN MY NEIGHBOR-HOOD,

AND SHE JUST GAVE BIRTH TO PUPPIES A WHILE AGO.


YEAH!
IT'S LUNCH PERIOD, SO
DO YOU WANT SOME TOO?
COME!
WEIRD GIRL
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE, SATOKO!
SORRY!
I MESSED THIS PLACE ARE YOU HAVING LUNCH?
IF YOU INVITE ME, THANKS
GRAB!
LITTLE ONE, IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY!
SATOKO'S COOKING IS THE BEST~~~!
YOU COOKED ALL THIS?
SINCE EVERYONE GOT BORED OF SHCOOL'S COOKING,
SO I TOOK EVERYBODY'S LUNCH MONEY TO GET THE INGREDIENTS AND MAKE LUNCH FOR THEM

IT'S CALLED SPRING VEGGIE YOU DON'T KNOW?
IT'S GREAT
WHAT'S THIS?
AS LONG AS EVERYONE LIKES MY COOKING, I'M HAPPY.
I LIKE HOUSE-WORK.
NOT REALLY
DON'T YOU GET TIRED?
SFX. CHEW CHEW CHEW
EMPTY
HERE YOU GO
OH WELL, I'LL JUST GET SCOLDED
BY THE WAY, WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT YOUR HOMEWORK? THERE'S ONLY 5 MINUTES LEFT

EHH!!
YOU INVITED ME TO LUNCH, THAT'LL BE MY REWARD!
I GUARANTEE A PERFECT SCORE, SEE YA!
AH!
THANKS
I'M SAVED
FALLS!

SFX: BANE
YOU SEEM HAPPY, FUJIMA-SAMA.
CAN'T YOU THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE---!?
OUR PHYSICS TEACHER IS HARD Y'KNOW
MAYBE IT'S ALL WRONG
HAGANE, HOW DID YOUR WORK GO?
EVERYTHING'S PERFECT. THANKS TO YOUR RESEARCH
HOW DID YOUR PLAN GO?

HER COOKING IS GREAT.
SALE?
FROM THE GROCERY STORE I GUESS.
DID YOU KNOW? SHE USED TO BE A RICH GIRL BEFORE!
SATOKO ---
WANNA GO WATCH A MOVIE TODAY?
I'M SORRY, NEXT TIME PLEASE!
I HAVE TO GO TO A SALE TODAY.
SFX: DONG--- DONG---
REALLY !?
HER DECEASED FATHER WAS THE HEAD OF A BIG COMPANY.
BUT THE COMPANY CORRUPTED LATER ON.
WE WERE IN THE SAME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

"SATOKO, WE'VE GOTTA BE HAPPY!"
WHEN DAD DIED, MOM CRIED SO HARD AND SAID TO ME,
AND NOW I'M GROWN UP
LET'S MAKE CABBAGE ROLLS TODAY
MOM IS WORKING IN HER FRIEND'S COMPANY RIGHT NOW,
AH!
CABBAGE IS CHEAP TODAY!
ALL FOR MY SAKE,
BUT AS LONG AS MOM IS BY MY SIDE, MY LIFE IS FULL OF HAPPINESS AND SURPRISES
WE HAD VERY LITTLE MONEY, AND WE LOST OUR HOUSE SO WE HAD TO RENT A SMALL APARTMENT
WHEN SHE WAS ABOUT 8 YEARS OLD.
THEN HER FATHER DIED RIGHT AFTER,
OH
I FEEL SORRY FOR HER
I'M NOT SORRY FOR MYSELF

IF I STRETCH MY HANDS, I CAN REACH MY MOM
EVEN THOUGH OUR ROOM IS SMALLER THAN BEFORE,
I CAN ALWAYS LOOK AT MY MOM'S HAPPY FACE
"IT'S SO GOOD!"
IF THERE'S NO CHEF ANYMORE, I CAN COOK MYSELF
"WE MUST BE HAPPY",
AND THEN SHE'LL GIVE ME A HAPPY SMILE
I GOT MY BONUS!
MOM NEVER SAID "I WANT HAPPINESS"
SHE ALWAYS TOLD ME
KURATA --!
RIN-G--
I WON'T FEEL SORRY FOR MY LIFE.
THAT'S WHY,
AS LONG AS MY MOM AND I FEEL HAPPY TOGETHER

I CAN GIVE YOU A RIDE!
SIT BEHIND ME!
EH?
YOU HAVE SO MANY STUFF, GROCERIES?
YEAH,
ARE YOU GOING TO YOUR CLUB?
YEAH, SO TIRING ~
KURATA, ARE YOU THE ONE WHO COOKS AT HOME?
YEAH.
WOAH, AMAZING!
NOT LIKE MY SIS, WHO CAN DO NOTHING
SFX DASH----
I HEARD YOU MAKE LUNCHBOX FOR FRIEND TOO?
Y-YEAH!
LEMME TRY IT NEXT TIME!
MACHIDA-KUN IS MY CLASSMATE.

SO HAPPY
HUH?
HEY~ WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
EVEN THOUGH IT'S AN ONE-SIDED LOVE,
BUT AT LEAST I HAVE SOMEONE I LIKE!
AH
IT'S THE BIG SIS WHO INVITED ME TO LUNCH
NAH, I'M LOOKING AT THAT.
THAT ?
DO YOU LIKE TO CLIMB THE FENCES A LOT?
TRIANGLE PARK

WHAT A GREAT SCENE OF "STRONG VS WEAK"
VANISHED
WHEN THEY'RE BULLYING THE DOG, THE MOTHER DOG APPEARED
AND THEN A SMALL DOG APPEARED, SO THEY CHANGED THEIR TARGET...
AT FIRST, THE KID WITH THE HAT WAS BULLYING THE SAMLLER KID
SFX: WOOOOOO
SFX: WAN WAN!
HEY

DON'T BULLY LITTLE CHILDREN!
IDIOT !!!
HOW CAN SHE LECTURE A DOG
OOOOOOOOH.....
WOAH !!
SFX WAN!

SFX: KICK

THE MOTHER DOG
HOW IS SHE?
SHE JUST FAINTED
SFX. TAP
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT! STUPID BRATS!
WAH!
IT WAS SCARY
SFX. HUG
SFX. BLING..
AHH HHH HHH

THE RING ... FELL
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME !?
EH ?
THAT'S THE ONLY THING I HAVE IN MEMORY OF MY DAD
SFX: JUMP

SFX SPLASH
DRIP
HOW DOES IT LOOK?

IT'S A GOLD RING ...
THIS ONE ?
ぼろぼろぼろ
WOAH !
PLEASE DON'T CRY !!
THANK YOU-U
THANK ...
SFX: SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF
THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! THANK YOU!!
...
...

IF YOU REALLY WANNA THANK ME, THEN SMILE!
SFX SMILE
THANK YOU SO MUCH

10 YEARS OLD.
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
YOUR APPEAR-ANCE, YEAH
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK
DON'T I LOOK LIKE IT?
REALLY ?
HUH--?
SORRY, BUT I'M REALLY JUST 10.
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
YOU REALLY
GOT THE PHYSICS QUESTIONS ALL RIGHT!

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HELLO EVERY-ONE NICE TO MEET YOU! I M TAKAO SHIGERU AND THIS IS MY 4TH SINGLE-VOLUME HOW ARE YOU ALL?
WE HAVE 6 FREETALK SPACES IN THIS VOLUME SO I WANT TO USE THEM TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS I RECEIVED IN FAN LETTERS ... I'M SO SORRY FOR NOT REPLYING TO THE MAILS OFTEN!
WELL IT'S NOT LIKE I M THAT BUSY
THEN WHY?
BECAUSE I USUALLY SPEND ALL MY FREE TIME DOING THINGS I LIKE ...
HOW CHILDISH I AM ...
ARR... I'M SOOO SORRY
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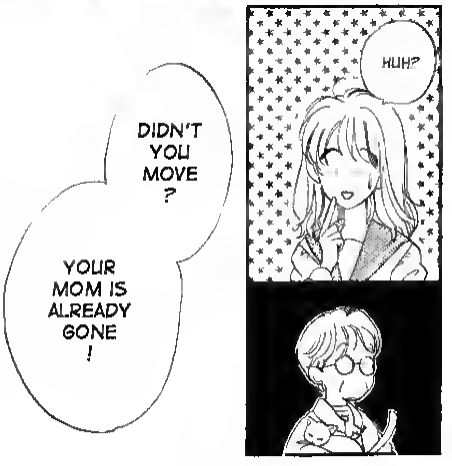
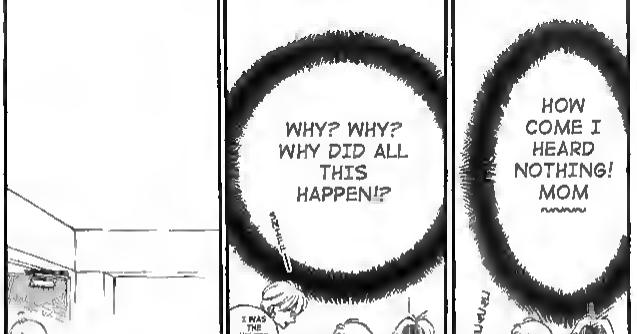
OH NO,
I FORGOT TO ASK HIS NAME
OH MY!
SATOKO !?
SFX SHACK
HOW COME YOU'RE STILL HERE !?
AH, OWNER -SAN


HUH?
DIDN'T YOU MOVE ?
YOUR MOM IS ALREADY GONE !

SFX EMPTY
DON'T YOU KNOW?
YOUR MOM SAID YOU TWO ARE MOVING, SO SHE GOT EVERYTHING AWAY THIS NOON

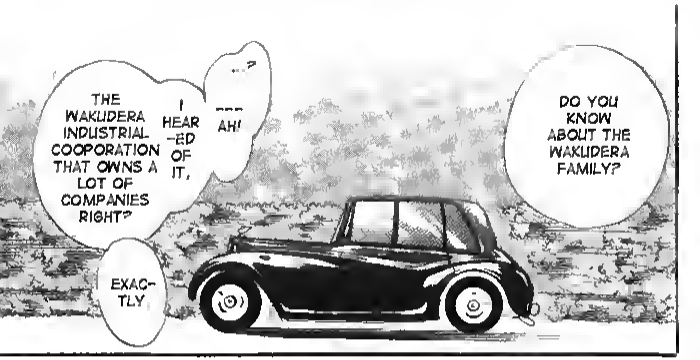
OH MY GOD
HERE IT IS
STOP THE CAR
NO WAY
EVEN THIS MORNING
WHEN SHE WAS SENDING ME OFF WITH A SMILE, SHE DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING
SFX STILL EMPTY

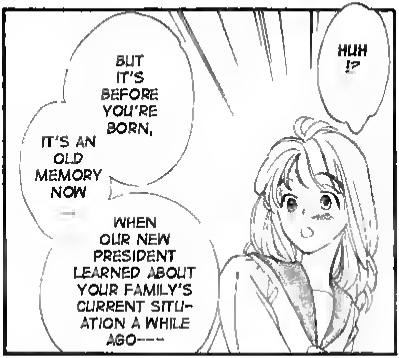

WHY? WHY? WHY DID ALL THIS HAPPEN!?
I WAS THE HELPER FROM THIS AFTER-NOON
I'M HERE TO PICK UP THIS LADY
HOW COME I HEARD NOTHING! MOM
SFX: STEP STEP STEP STEP... CA-CHACK

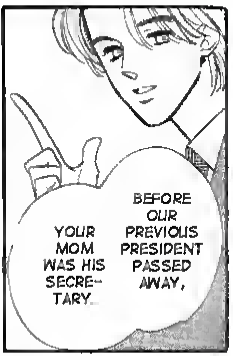
WHERE DID YOU GO?! MOM!!
YOUR MOTHER IS AT OUR PLACE RIGHT NOW, SATOKO-SAMA.
BANG
BOOM

HUH?
SPA MX
SO YOU HEARD ABSOLUTELY NOTHING OF THIS?
I SEE,
EHHHH HHHH!
I WILL EXPLAIN IT TO YOU
PLEASE CALM DOWN
OK?
HUH
YES.
YOU..
SAID MY MOM IS AT
PHEW

AND LEFT A LOT OF PAYMENTS BEHIND
MY MOM'S FRIEND CLOSED UP HIS COMPANY FEW DAYS AGO
THIS PERSON TOLD ME
BUT 2 DAYS AGO, THE PRESIDENT SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED.
SFX: ESCAPED
AND YOUR MOM WAS THE COMPANY'S GUARANTOR
GUAR-ANTOR
SFX: POINT
NOT THAT !
SO YOU'RE HERE TO ARREST US!
VROOM
THEREFORE, SINCE THE PRESIDENT IS GONE, YOUR MOM MUST PAY EVERYTHING OFF


DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE WAKUDERA FAMILY?
---AH!
I HEAR-ED OF IT,
THE WAKUDERA INDUSTRIAL COOPORATION THAT OWNS A LOT OF COMPANIES RIGHT?
EXAC-TLY


HUH !?
BUT IT'S BEFORE YOU'RE BORN,
IT'S AN OLD MEMORY NOW
WHEN OUR NEW PRESIDENT LEARNED ABOUT YOUR FAMILY'S CURRENT SITU-ATION A WHILE AGO---


BEFORE OUR PREVIOUS PRESIDENT PASSED AWAY,
YOUR MOM WAS HIS SECRE-TARY.

NO!
PLEASE!
SO SO NOW HE WANTS US TO SELL OUR BODY TO REPAY HIM?
HE DECIDED TO PAY EVERYTHING OFF FOR YOUR FAMILY.

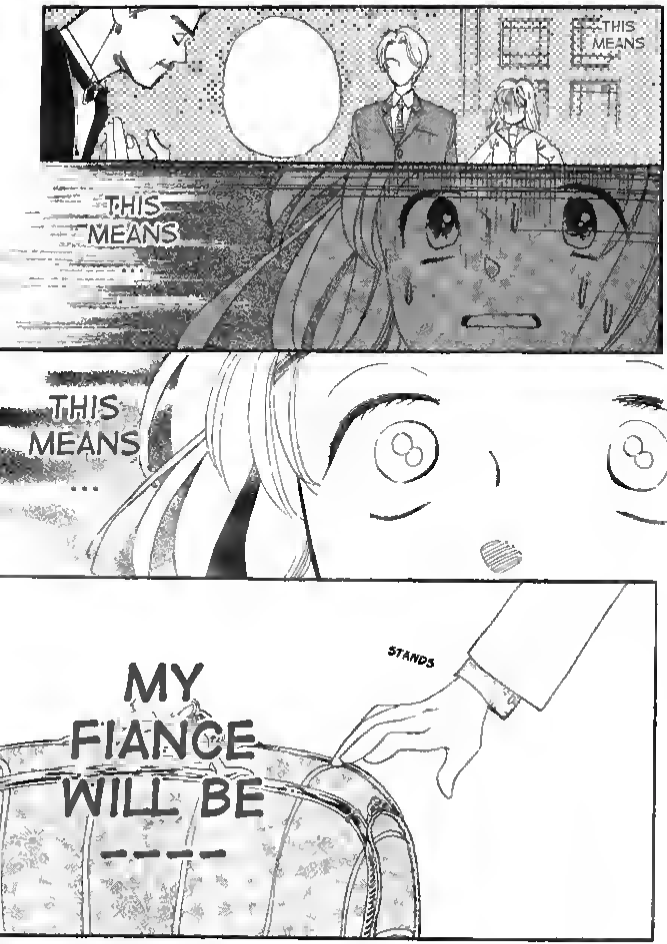
THEN, THAT MEANS
WE'VE ARRIVED.
THEY'RE JUST BEING CHARITABLE?
YOUR MOTHER HAS ALREADY MOVED IN
SHE SAID THAT SHE COULDN'T FIND A CHANCE TO TELL YOU BECAUSE IT'S SO SUDDEN
THEREFORE, SHE DECIDED TO LEAVE IT UNTIL YOU GET HERE
SFX: OPENS

PLEASE COME AND GREET OUR CURRENT PRESIDENT, AKA THE OWNER OF THIS PLACE
SFX: BOOM

PLEASE
PLEASE WAIT!
UMM...
WELL...
THAT'S NOT IT!
WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU!
SHAKE SHAKE
YOU MEAN IT'S TOO SUSPICIOUS?
HUH?
TO PAY ALL THIS MONEY FOR US JUST BECAUSE MY MOM WAS ONCE A SECRETARY HERE
BUT
ISN'T THAT A BIT
UMM.. NOT THAT EITHER!
WELL
I JUST THINK... THIS IS TOO!
OF COURSE THE REASON ISN'T THAT SIMPLE...

I KNEW IT!
ANOTHER IMPORTANT REASON IS-- YOU ARE ENGAGED TO OUR PRESIDENT.
HUH?
OUR OLD PRESIDENT ADORED YOUR MOTHER VERY MUCH, THEREFORE THEY DECIDED THAT--
ONCE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN CHILDREN, THEY SHALL MAKE A MATCH OUT OF THEM
IT'S A PROMISE BETWEEN OUR OLD PRESIDENT AND YOUR MOTHER
ISN'T IT ROMANTIC?
THAT MEANS!
HUH?

WHAT DID YOU SAY
!?
I BROUGHT SATOKO-SAMA HERE
YOU ARE GOING TO BE THE MISTRESS OF THE COOPORA-TION.


THIS MEANS
THIS MEANS ...
THIS MEANS ...
STANDS
MY FIANCE WILL BE ----

THIS IS OUR MASTER,
WAKUDERA FUUMA-SAMA.
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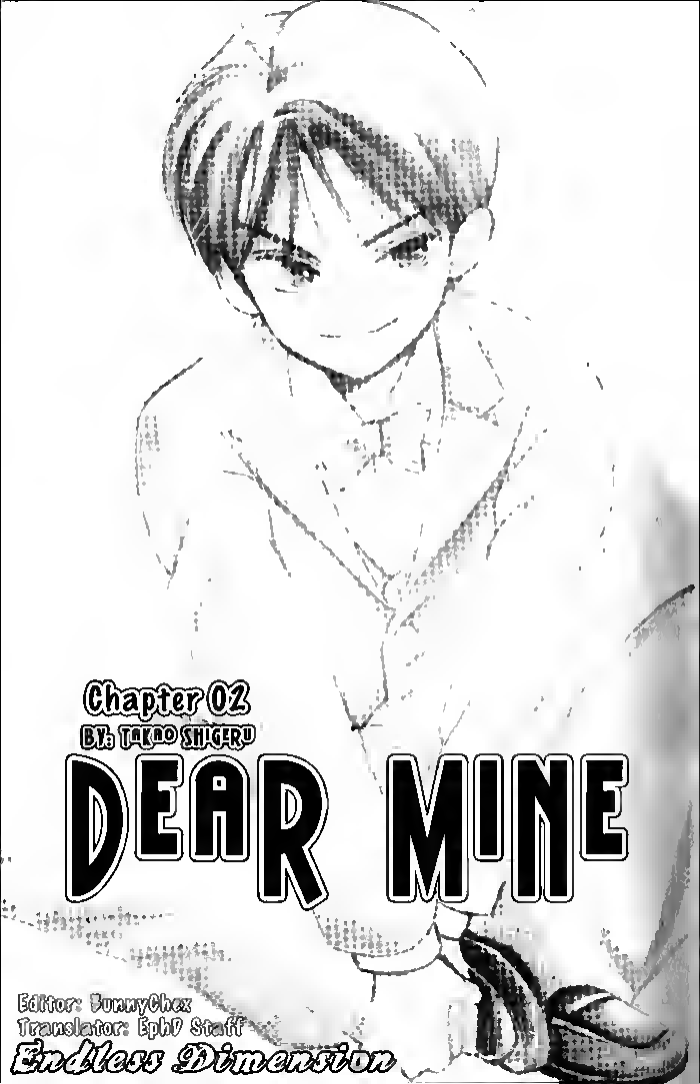
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My apologies to readers who enclosed a return envelope. I also feel apologetic to all those readers who have written to me. I had thought of creating a small question and answer newsletter, however I don't know when this newsletter will be ready. I am a very lazy person, I guess this is my worst point.

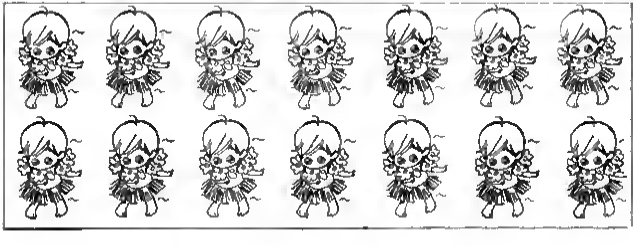
But I am so happy, really very happy to receive your letters. It's true, I am not lying. If one day, you receive a reply from me, it would mean I have become a more mature person. Oh?! Someone doesn't want a reply from me? Is it true? Regarding this, let's put it aside for now.

Well, if possible, please do not enclose a return envelope when you write to me. Because I really do not know when I can reply your letters. I feel very bad about this. If I do reply to your letters, I will pay for the postage costs myself! My sincere thanks to all of you for your thoughtfulness!

Oh!

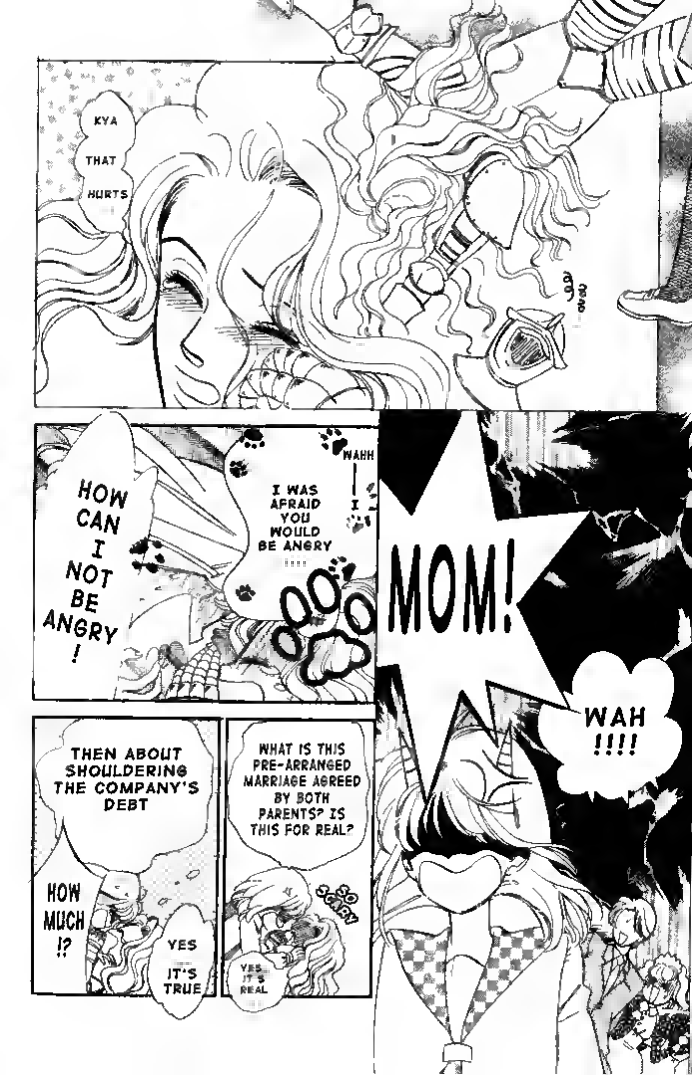
At the time of this writing, I was just about to bite some cuttlefish, but instead I bit my own mouth! It's so painful. could this be retribution from Heaven?
Ahhhh God!

.....
THIS KID IS MY FIANCE !!?



YES
ICE
HAGANE,
HOT WATER
SPLASH!
MELTS
MELTS
EVEN IF YOU SAY SO, I CAN'T HELP IT!
OUR PARENTS
ALTHOUGH THIS MARRIAGE WAS PREARRANGED BY OUR PARENTS, I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU
CONFUSED
YOUR [illegible] HAS [illegible] MOVED IN
YOUR ATTITUDE IS REALLY HURTFUL
PLEASE WATCH YOUR BEHAVIOUR, MY DEAR FIANCEE!

BA-
MOM!
STOMP
WE HAVE ASKED HER TO WAIT FOR YOU HERE, BUT ...
STOMP STOMP STOMP
BLIN-C


KYA
THAT
HURTS
WAHH
I WAS AFRAID YOU WOULD BE ANGRY .....
I
HOW CAN I NOT BE ANGRY !
MOM!
WAH !!!!
WHAT IS THIS PRE-ARRANGED MARRIAGE AGREED BY BOTH PARENTS? IS THIS FOR REAL?
SO SCARY
YES IT'S REAL
THEN ABOUT SHOULDERING THE COMPANY'S DEBT
HOW MUCH !?
YES IT'S TRUE

YOU BIG IDIOT!!
ENOUGH OF THE TOUCHING REUNION
ONE BILLION
WHIS-P

TAP
HERE
PLEASE WORK HARD!
TOMORROW IS SATURDAY AND SPRING VACATION IS COMING
SINCE YOU ARE GOING TO MARRY ME,
YOU NEED TO BE MORE PRESENTABLE.
BOOM
MANNERS
FLOWER ARRANGEMENT
ENGLISH
TEA CEREMONY
SOCIAL DANCE
WHAT?!
REST ASSURED, AFTER LEARNING FROM THESE TEACHERS,
YOU WILL BECOME A PROPER LADY...!

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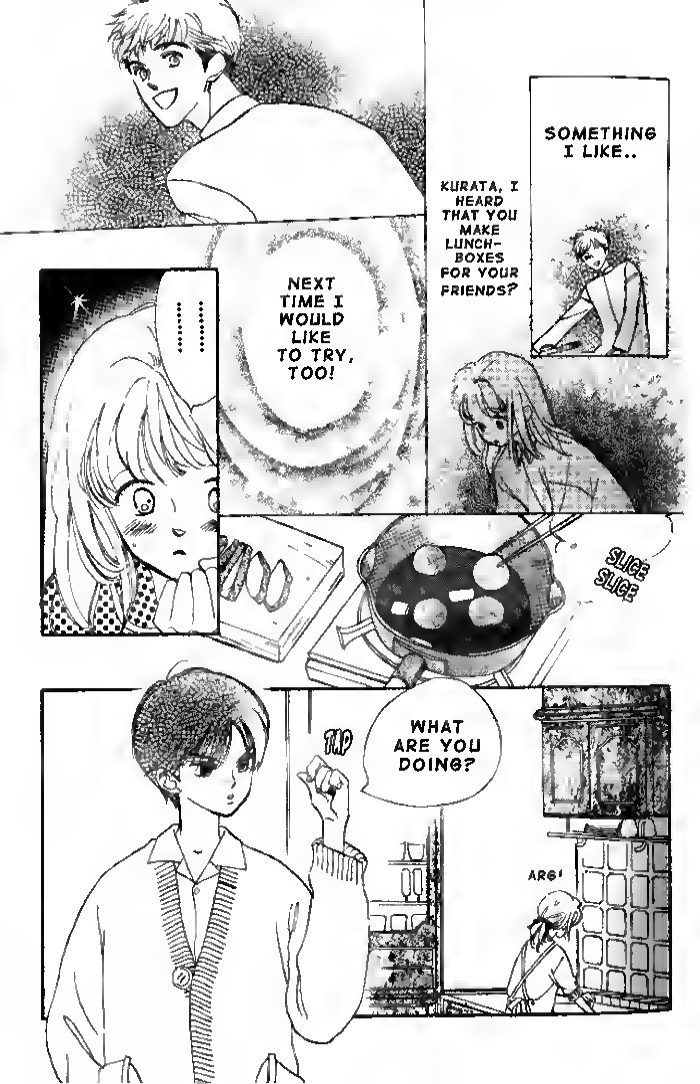
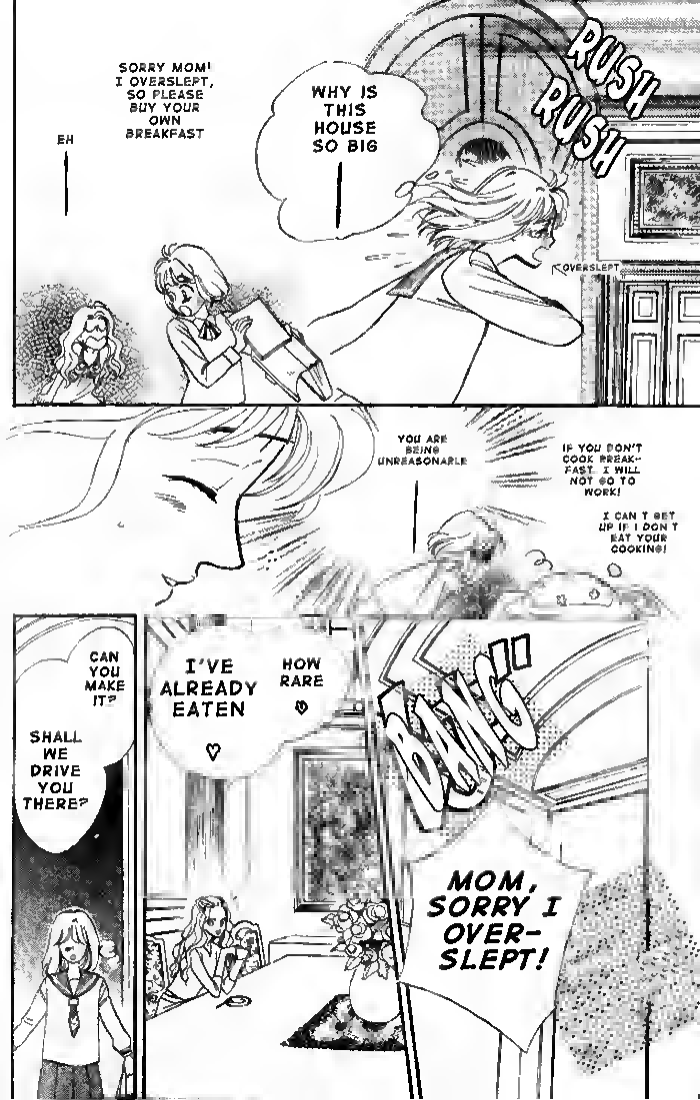
ABOUT BOOKS (MAINLY MANGAS)
I ADMIRE SEVERAL MANGAKAS, SUCH AS.
TAKANO FUMIKO-SAN
FUKUYAMA KEIKO-SAN
SUMAUCHI NATSUKO-SAN
YAMAGUCHI MIYUKI-SAN
IN TAKANO-SAN'S MANGA "A STICK" (PUBLISHED BY MAGAZINE HOUSE), THERE WAS A STORY CALLED "BEAUTIFUL TOWN" WHICH WAS MY LONG-TIME FAVOURITE.
"TOKYO STORY" (3 VOLUMES TOTAL) BY FUKUYAMA KEIKO-SAN WAS BASED ON A STORY HAPPENED IN THE EARLY 1900'S TOKYO CITY. I LOVE IT LIKE MAD!
ALL THESE MANGAS HAVE GREAT PLOTS, BEAUTIFUL ART AND EMOTIONAL SCRIPTS. VERY INTERESTING
NOO!
DAH!
PLEASE TALK MORE FEMI-NINELY!
ENOUGH!
I'VE HAD

IT WASN'T SOMETHING I HAD AGREED TO DO, BUT I ENDED UP IN SUCH AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION
WHY AM I SO UNLUCKY ?
TOMORROW IS MONDAY, BUT I FEEL SO TIRED .....
SINGLE ROOM BED FOR SATOKO
SIGH
I MUST DO SOMETHING THAT I LIKE.. TO VENT!
OH NO! I CAN'T SIGH, IT WILL CAUSE ME TO LOSE MY HAPPINESS!
BOOM
ONE BILLION
BUT
GEEZ!
I DON'T WANT SUCH RESPONS-IBILITIES!


SOMETHING I LIKE..
KURATA, I HEARD THAT YOU MAKE LUNCH-BOXES FOR YOUR FRIENDS?
NEXT TIME I WOULD LIKE TO TRY, TOO!
.....
SLICE SLICE
TAP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ARG!

I LIKE TO MAKE MY OWN LUNCH!
AH
I-I'M MAKING LUNCH FOR TOMOR-ROW.
THE PORTIONS SEEM TO BE FOR MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE.
OH
CAN'T YOU GET THE CHEF TO MAKE THEM?
ONE BILLION!
LIGHTS UP

WHETHER YOU ARE WILLING TO OR NOT,
YOU WILL BE MY WIFE!
WHAT IS IT?
YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE HUH?
STOP RUNNING AWAY FROM REALITY,
YOU SINGLE CELLED PERSON PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SITUATION
YOU MUST RE-MEMBER!
SO MEAN
WAH !!!!


RUSH RUSH
WHY IS THIS HOUSE SO BIG
SORRY MOM! I OVERSLEPT, SO PLEASE BUY YOUR OWN BREAKFAST
EH
OVERSLEPT
YOU ARE BEING UNREASONABLE
IF YOU DON'T COOK BREAKFAST I WILL NOT GO TO WORK!
I CAN'T GET UP IF I DON'T EAT YOUR COOKING!
BANG
I'VE ALREADY EATEN ♡
HOW RARE ♡
MOM, SORRY I OVERSLEPT!
CAN YOU MAKE IT?
SHALL WE DRIVE YOU THERE?

IT'S NOT NECES-SARY. I AM LEAVING!
MISS SATOKO, I WILL GET THE CAR READY
WHY IS THE MAIN GATE SO FAR AWAY FROM THE HOUSE

I'D RATHER GO BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN WE RELIED ON EACH OTHER...

STUPID MOM!

YOU MUST BE TIRED, HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM THE OVERSEAS
IT IS ALSO MY DUTY TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEALTH.
ALSO ...
ALSO ?
Tap
WHY?
MASTER FUUMA, FOR TODAY'S APPOINTMENT, YOUR UNCLE THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE ATTENDING ON YOUR BEHALF
BECAUSE SHE MADE A LUNCHBOX FOR ANOTHER MAN...
YOU MUST BE WORRIED ABOUT MISS SATOKO,
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU WANT TO KILL SOMEONE.
PLEASE DON'T SAY IT THAT WAY...
...HOW DARE YOU EAVESDROP ON US!
.....

MARRIAGE!
HEY SATOKO,
IT'S RARE TO SEE YOU LATE
YEAH
LATE SLIP
KURATA SATOKO
GRADE 10 CLASS B
PROVINCIAL MARUNEKO HIGH SCHOOL
(*NOTE MARUNEKO=ROUND CAT)
THE SECRET LEAKED OUT
I HEARD THAT OUR HOMEROOM TEACHER,
MISS HARUKO, IS GETTING MARRIED NEXT MONTH!
NOW, MACHIDA YOUHEI-KUN WILL REPRESENT THE SOCCER CLUB AND CLASS 1 B'S MALE STUDENTS TO PRESENT THE PRESENT!
WE'VE DECIDED TO GIVE MISS HARUKO, WHO IS ALSO IN CHARGE OF THE SOCCER CLUB, A BIG PRESENT
PHEW
AH! SURPRISED ME
TSUKI TSUKI

SLAM
!
K
SO WE THOUGHT OF THIS PRESENT FOR YOU...
IT'S CALLED "SOMETHING BLUE"
I HEARD THAT WEARING SOMETHING BLUE ON YOUR WEDDING DAY WILL BRING YOU HAPPINESS,
TAH-DAH
BLUE PANTIES !!
A HA!
GOT SOME GUTS HUH,
YOU ACTUALLY DARE TO SEXUALLY HURRASS YOUR TEACHER!
CLER
IT'S A MISUNDER-STANDING! I LOST THE BET, SO I HAD TO BE THE ONE TO GIVE THIS PRESENT!

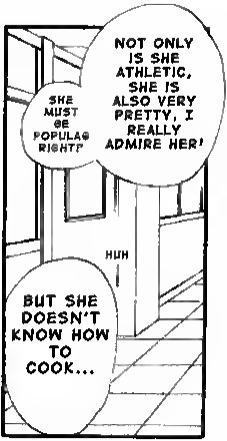
I HAVEN'T LAUGHED LIKE THIS FOR A LONG TIME!
SEE..THEY EVEN MADE ME TAKE THIS PICTURE AS THE PROOFnnn
WELL DONE! I WILL PUT THIS PICTURE IN THE LIVING ROOM OF MY NEW HOME.
SO WHOEVER VISITS WILL KNOW ABOUT YOU LOSING THIS BET!
RIN-G RIN-G
SATOKO.
LET'S GO AND HAVE LUNCH
I'M SORRY.
I HAVE CLASS DUTY TODAY

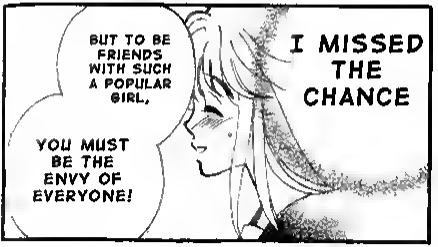
YAY
I ACTUALLY BROUGHT IT... THE LUNCHBOX I MADE FOR MACHIDA...
YOU GUYS GO AHEAD!
OK
I CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM REALITY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AH! NOTHING...
KURATA?

RIGHT ?
MACHIDA-KUN, IT WAS SO FUNNY THIS MORNING!
OH... PLEASE FORGET THAT~~
IT WAS SO EMBAR-RASSING!
BUT,
RIGHT!
TO BE ABLE TO LIVE
WITH THE ONE YOU LIKE MOST ....
YOUHEI-KUN
ALTHOUGH IT WAS SO STUPID,
ALL OF US
REALLY HOPE THAT MISS HARUKO WILL HAVE A HAPPY MARRIAGE!

I WILL REJECT THE MARRIAGE WHEN I GO BACK!
I WILL TELL THEM THAT
I ONLY WANT TO MARRY THE ONE I LIKE.
HOLD FOR A SEC
KURATA!
AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SOLVE IT
ONE BILLION
ALTHOUGH THE DEBT IS A BIG PROBLEM
HAVE YOU FINISHED TALKING?
SORRY SORRY!
SHE IS JUST NEXT DOOR, AND WE HAVE THE SAME GYM CLASS
SHE IS THE MANAGER OF THE SOCCER CLUB RIGHT?
I RECOGNIZE THAT GIRL,
THE SOCCER CLUB IS PLANNING A SLEEP-OVER EVENT, SO...

AH!
I FORGOT TO GIVE HIM THE LUNCHBOX!
THUMP
BUT SHE IS INDEED VERY POPULAR AMONG THE GUYS


NOT ONLY IS SHE ATHLETIC, SHE IS ALSO VERY PRETTY, I REALLY ADMIRE HER!
SHE MUST BE POPULAR RIGHT?
HUH
BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO COOK...


I MISSED THE CHANCE
BUT TO BE FRIENDS WITH SUCH A POPULAR GIRL,
YOU MUST BE THE ENVY OF EVERYONE!

YES! I NEARLY GOT BEATEN BY A GANG!

IT JUST CAN'T BE!
WHEN I SHARED THIS WITH THE GUYS FROM THE SOCCER CLUB,
WHEN WE FIRST STARTED GOING OUT,
SHE TOLD ME ABOUT THE LEGEND OF "SOMETHING BLUE."
OUR PRESI-DENT THEN DECIDED TO USE THIS AS A PRESENT FOR MISS HARUKO .....

OUCH !
PINCH
I AM SO SLOW ...
SO I'M NOT DREAMING
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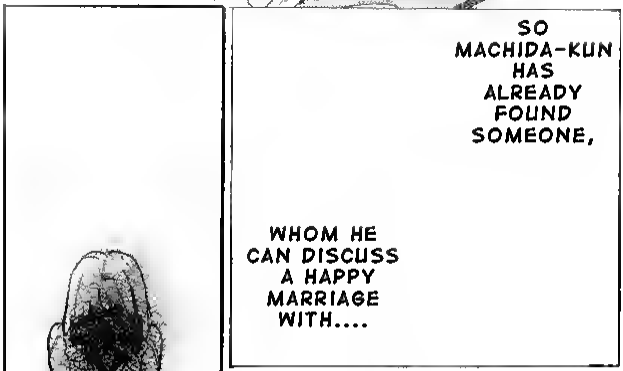
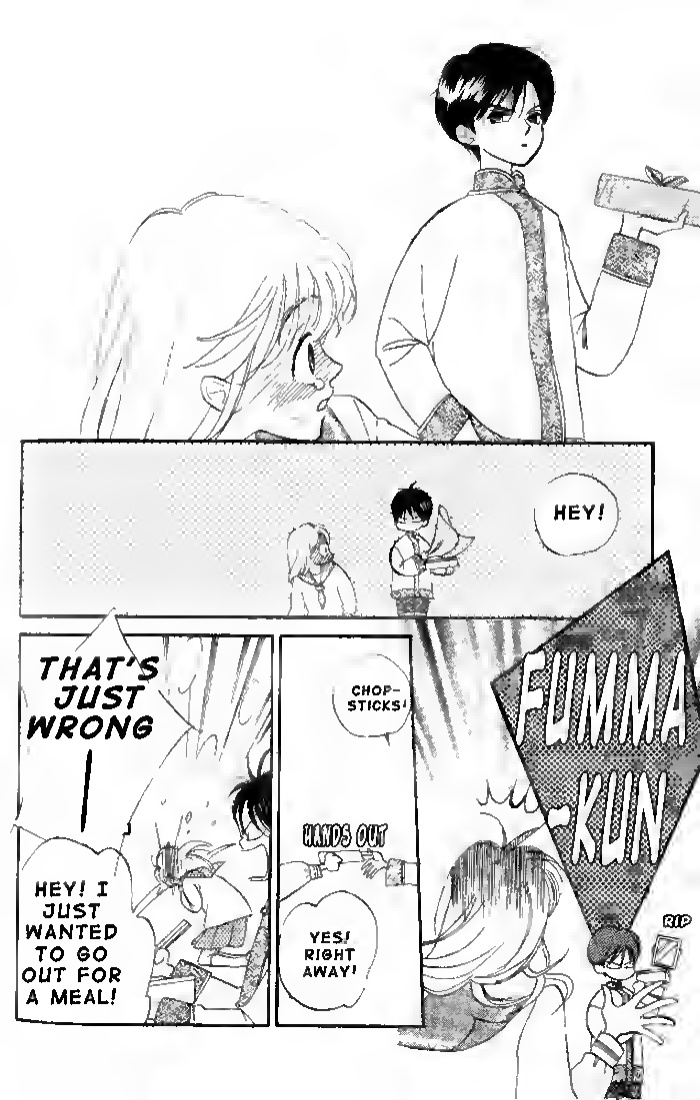
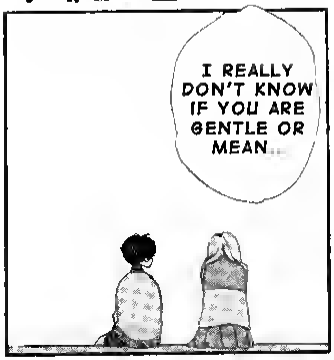

SO MACHIDA-KUN HAS ALREADY FOUND SOMEONE,
WHOM HE CAN DISCUSS A HAPPY MARRIAGE WITH....

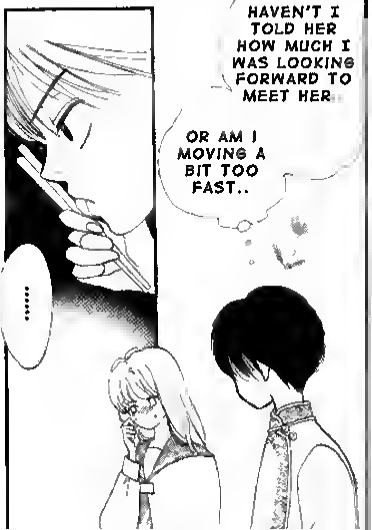
WHY DID I EVEN THINK ABOUT BEING HAPPY
WITH THE ONE I LIKE..
WHO ASKED YOU TO COMMIT ADULTERY,
SILLY!
I'LL JUST THROW THIS LUNCHBOX AWAY..


HEY!
FUMMA-KUN
RIP
CHOP-STICKS!
HANDS OUT
YES! RIGHT AWAY!
THAT'S JUST WRONG
HEY! I JUST WANTED TO GO OUT FOR A MEAL!

I WILL EAT THE PORTION
TO HAVE A MEAL..
YOUR MOTHER LEFT THIS MORNING, TOO.
"LET ME TRY YOUR LUNCHBOX NEXT TIME!"
"I ONLY WANT TO EAT WHAT YOU COOK"
CHEW CHEW
SHHHH

WHAT A BUNCH OF IDIOTS,
TO MISS SOMETHING THIS DELICIOUS
AS LONG AS OTHERS LIKE WHAT I COOK, I'M HAPPY

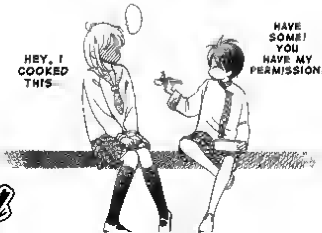




..IS HE COM-FORT-ING

SEEING YOUR TEARFUL FACE, ONE JUST CAN'T RESIST BULLYING YOU!
SNIFFLES

OK!
I SHALL ACT MORE GENTLE TO YOU!


HEY, I COOKED THIS
HAVE SOME! YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION!

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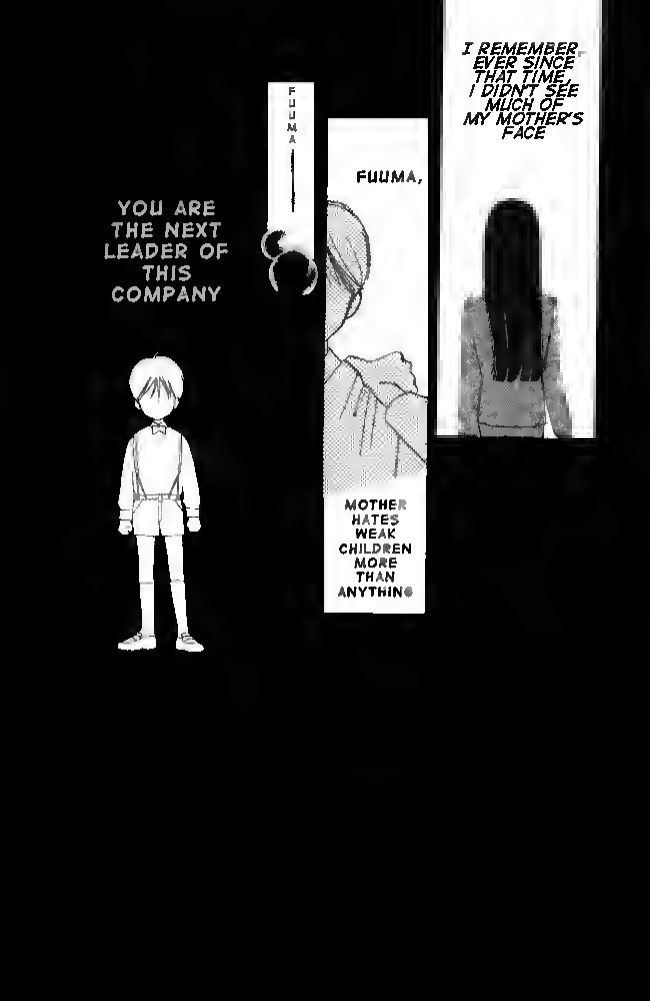
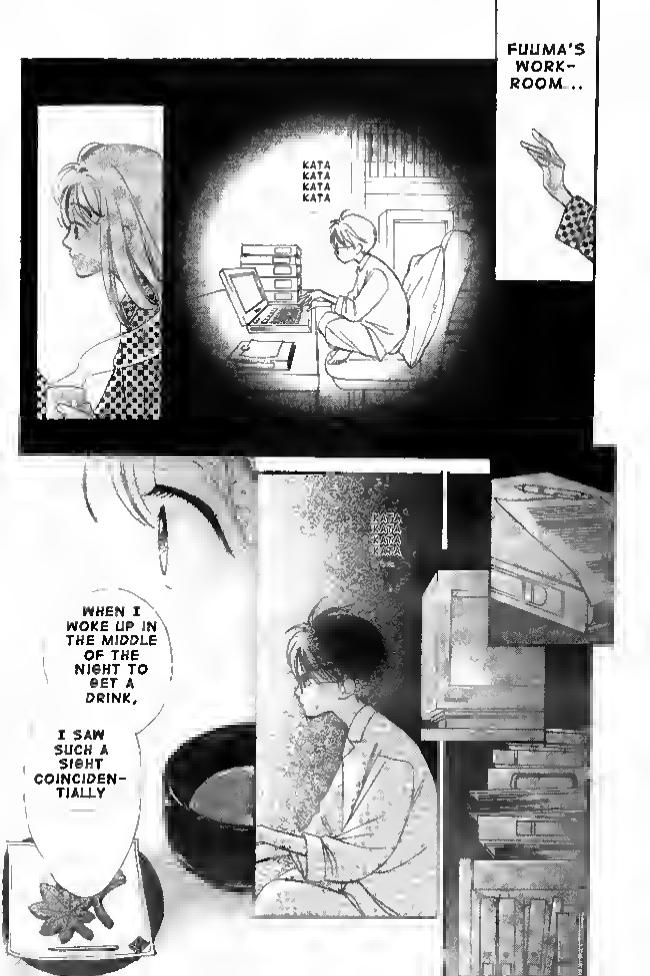
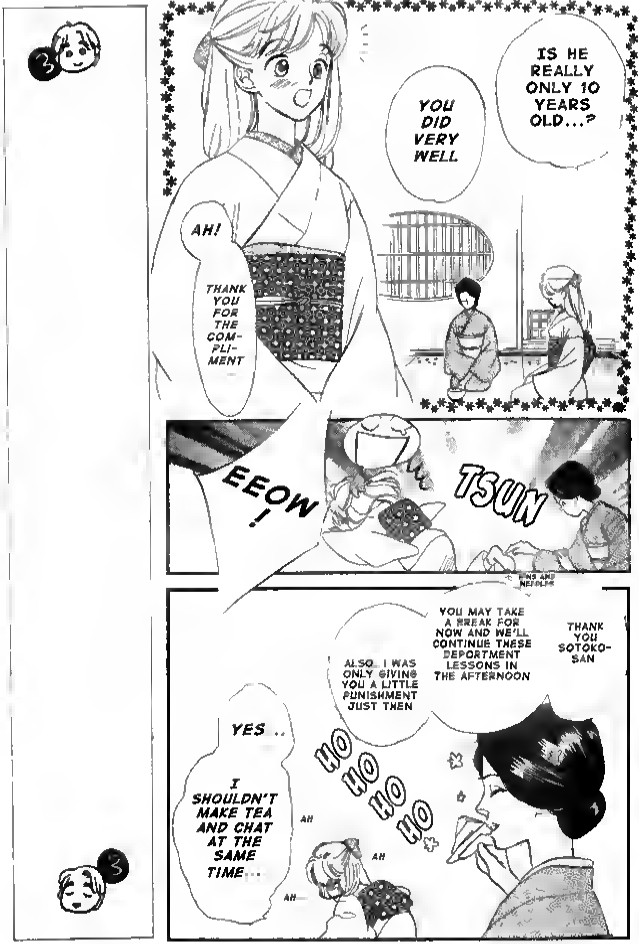

I REMEMBER EVER SINCE THAT TIME, I DIDN'T SEE MUCH OF MY MOTHER'S FACE
FUUMA,
MOTHER HATES WEAK CHILDREN MORE THAN ANYTHING
FUUMA!
YOU ARE THE NEXT LEADER OF THIS COMPANY

BAN
WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT WITH YOUR HEAD UP PROUDLY!
ZAWA
FUUMA!
AH, GREETINGS GENTLEMEN, HOW ARE YOU ALL?
I HEARD THERE WERE SOME IMPORTANT MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED TODAY EVEN THOUGH NO ONE CONTACTED ME, I STILL CAME ALONG
AH!
WE THOUGHT YOU WERE OUT OF THE COUNTEY AND HADN'T COME BACK YET!
I THOUGHT I HAD CONTACTED WITH EACH ONE OF YOU A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO!
PERHAPS MY SECRETARY ROBOT TO TELL ME...

THAT STUCK UP, COMMON-BORN MOTHER AND SON!
THE BRAT'S GETTING MORE LIKE HER EACH DAY,
HE'S JUST LIKE THAT SNOBBISH OLD WIFE OF THE CHAIRMAN
PUTTING SUCH A LITTLE CHILD IN THE MOST POWERFUL SEAT OF THE COMPANY
IT'S SO FRUS-TRAT-ING.
CURSE IT! EVEN IF IT WAS THE PREVIOUS CHAIR-MAN'S ORDER,
HE SHOULDN'T HAVE PUT A 10 YEAR OLD KID IN CHARGE OF THE COMPANY'S EXECUTIVES!
YOU CAN'T EVEN WIN AGAINST ME, A 10 YEAR OLD KID!
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU ALL SAY. YOU OLD BASTARDS DON'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT RUNNING A COMPANY.
THEY DISGUST ME!

ВЖИК


FUUMA'S WORK-ROOM...
KATA KATA KATA KATA
WHEN I WOKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT TO GET A DRINK,
I SAW SUCH A SIGHT COINCIDEN-TIALLY


IS HE REALLY ONLY 10 YEARS OLD...?
YOU DID VERY WELL
AH!
THANK YOU FOR THE COM-PLI-MENT
EEOW!
TSUN
PINS AND NEEDLES
THANK YOU SOTOKO-SAN
YOU MAY TAKE A BREAK FOR NOW AND WE'LL CONTINUE THESE DEPORTMENT LESSONS IN THE AFTERNOON
ALSO, I WAS ONLY GIVING YOU A LITTLE PUNISHMENT JUST THEN
HO HO HO HO
YES ..
I SHOULDN'T MAKE TEA AND CHAT AT THE SAME TIME...
AH
AH
AH

KASA
SITTING LIKE THAT IS PAINFUL...
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM LITTLE BOY?
WANT TO HAVE SOME SWEETS?
TEA & SWEETS
A CHILD?
KIRO
OH!
GASA

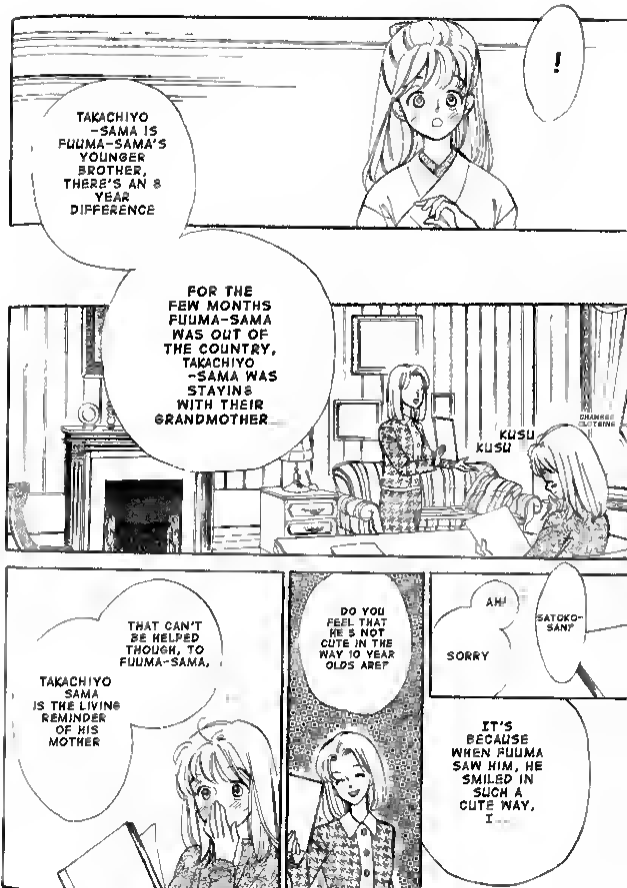
MOMMY!
EH
BASA
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, FUUMA-SAMA
KOU!
UHN,
SEND THESE DOCUMENTS BACK TO THE COMPANY HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY
ABOUT THOSE REQUESTS IN THE REPORTS, I PUT THE REPLIES IN THIS BINDER

YOU'RE NOT LOOKING TOO WELL SIR
IT'S ONLY A MINOR INDIGES-TION.
GIVE ME THE MEDICINE
KO-TO
OI!
YOU! IF CHILDREN USED MEDICATION THIS STRONG, THEN IT'S NOT GOOD FOR THEIR BODIES! IS THIS MEDICATION
SATOKO !
SATOKO -SAN
YOU CARRY AROUND WITH YOU?
UHN...
THEN IF ITS USED SO MUCH, THEN YOU'D BETTER REFLENISH YOUR BODY!
IT'S VERY EFFECTIVE
I'LL MAKE YOU THE SPECIAL MEDICINE MOTHER ALWAYS TAKES

SUCH AN EVIL FACE
.....
ISN'T THAT DOMESTIC!
.....
SINCE COMING INTO THE SPRING VACATION, SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO HATE HER BRIDAL LESSONS AS MUCH AS BEFORE
EVERYDAY SHE'S VERY HAPPILY AND BUSILY OCCUPIED!
ARE YOU NOT SATISFIED SIR?
OR DO YOU WISH SHE CONTINUE RAMBLING ON ABOUT "I REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO THIS KIND OF FORCED ARRANGED MARRIAGE!"?
PLEASE DON'T MENTION THAT OK?
I DON'T THINK IT'S LIKE THAT
AH! THAT'S RIGHT
SHE'S NOT HAPPILY AND BUSILY OCCUPIED
IT'S NOT?
I FEEL ...
SHE'S DELIBERATLY MAKING HERSELF BUSY OR ELSE HER MIND WILL BE LEFT TO BAD WANDERING THOUGHTS

YUCK!
HOW CAN HER FEELINGS BE EXPECTED TO BE CALM
AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE FORCED UPON HER...
ON TOP OF THE PAIN OF A BROKEN HEART...
AH! YES
DID YOU COME HERE FOR SOMETHING?
OH YES, SATOKO SAN
BE NICER TO THE BIRL..
BAG! YUCK! DISGUSTING!
NEGATES THE BITTERNESS
VERY BITTER
DEW
EWW

IS HE THE CHILD OF SOMEONE IN THIS HOUSEHOLD?
I MET THIS CHILD OUTSIDE THE TEA ROOMS. HE ENDED UP COMING WITH ME...
COME, COME ON IN!
HE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE HIS MOTHER OR FATHER
...
TAKACHIYO!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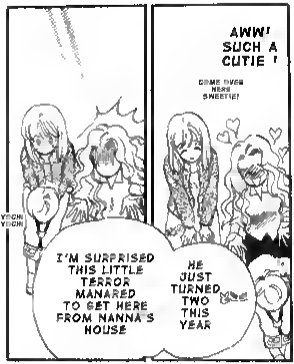
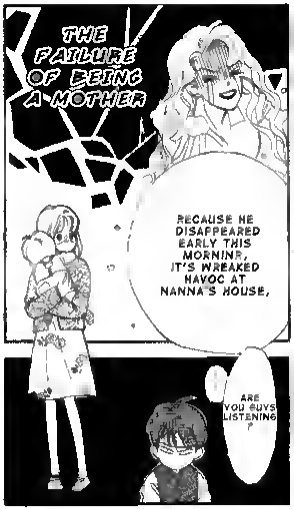
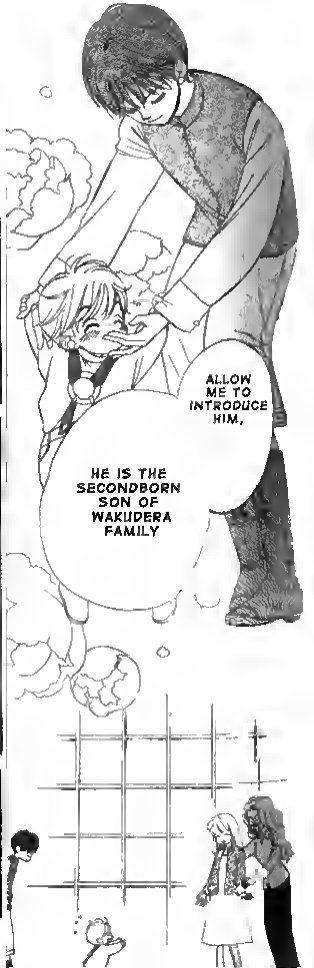
TAKACHIYO -SAMA IS FUUMA-SAMA'S YOUNGER BROTHER, THERE'S AN 8 YEAR DIFFERENCE
FOR THE FEW MONTHS FUUMA-SAMA WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY, TAKACHIYO -SAMA WAS STAYING WITH THEIR GRANDMOTHER
KUSU KUSU
CHANGE CLOTHING
THAT CAN'T BE HELPED THOUGH, TO FUUMA-SAMA,
TAKACHIYO SAMA IS THE LIVING REMINDER OF HIS MOTHER
DO YOU FEEL THAT HE'S NOT CUTE IN THE WAY 10 YEAR OLDS ARE?
AH!
SATOKO-SAN?
SORRY
IT'S BECAUSE WHEN FUUMA SAW HIM, HE SMILED IN SUCH A CUTE WAY, I...


AWW! SUCH A CUTIE!
COME OVER HERE SWEETIE!
VROOM VROOM
I'M SURPRISED THIS LITTLE TERROR MANAGED TO GET HERE FROM NANNA'S HOUSE
HE JUST TURNED TWO THIS YEAR


THE FAILURE OF BEING A MOTHER
BECAUSE HE DISAPPEARED EARLY THIS MORNING, IT'S WREAKED HAVOC AT NANNA'S HOUSE.
ARE YOU GUYS LISTENING?


ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE HIM.
HE IS THE SECONDBORN SON OF WAKUDERA FAMILY

AH!
YES
MOMMY!
WHAT?
DO I LOOK A LOT LIKE YOUR MOTHER?
DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A LOOK?
WH
WHAT ?!
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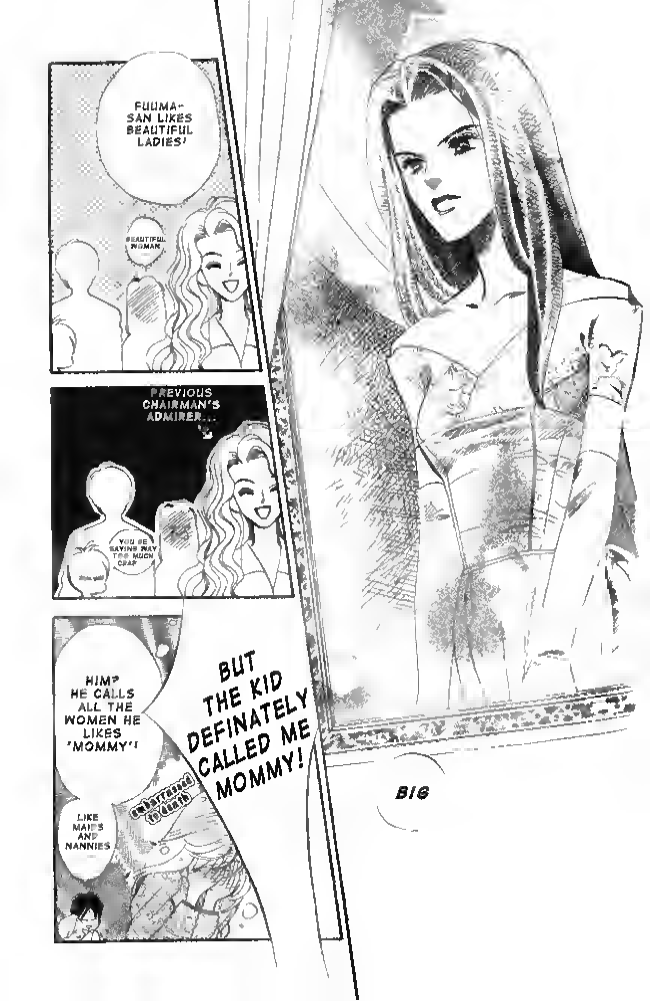
FUUMA-SAN LIKES BEAUTIFUL LADIES!
BEAUTIFUL HUMAN
PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN'S ADMIRER...
YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE MOON CRAP
HIM? HE CALLS ALL THE WOMEN HE LIKES "MOMMY"!
LIKE MAIDS AND NANNIES
BUT THE KID DEFINATELY CALLED ME MOMMY!
BIG

MADAM WAS A VERY STRICT PERSON IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE FUJIMA-SAMA DOES NOT FAIL AS THE NEXT LEADER, SHE MADE HIM UNDERTAKE A THOROUGH AND BROAD EDUCATION
IT FEELS AS IF SHE WAS MY TEMPORARY MOTHER.
AS FOR MOTHER AND FATHER PUTTING ALL INTO THEIR WORK...
WHAT?
DON'T YOU LIKE IT...?
EH...
YOUR BROAD EDUCATION
ONLY KINGS CAN JOIN THE COMPANY TO IT'S FULL POTENTIAL
WHY?
I'M A PERSON WHO HAS TO COME FIRST IN EVERYTHING!
I RESPECT HER VERY MUCH
AH! YES. I FEEL THAT WAY TOO...!

SHE NEVER SHOWED ANY NORMAL MOTHERLY THINGS, SO I DON'T KNOW WHETHER SHE WAS A GOOD MOTHER OR NOT
BUT
IT WAS SHE HERSELF WHO TAUGHT ME HOW TO SURVIVE IN THE WAKUDERA FAMILY
I'M VERY THANKFUL OF HER
MUCHA
EVA!
AND SHE LEFT ME A GOOD PLAYMATE,
THIS WAY OF PUTTING IT... FEELS AS IF EVERYONE ELSE WAS THE ENEMY
.....
JUST THEN WHEN I MISTAKENLY THOUGHT I WAS LIKE HIS MOTHER,
I THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN
FUUMA REJECTING ME BECAUSE I WAS THE FIANCEE HIS PARENTS SET DOWN
I SAW FOR THE FIRST TIME
THAT DAY...

FUUMA-SAMA, THAT NOISE JUST THEN...
KASHA
JUST WHAT DID HE SEE IN ME FOR HIM TO WANT TO MARRY ME?
EH ?!
FUUMA FAINTED !?

I HEARD IT WAS SHEER EXAUSTION
AT THAT TIME
AND THAT TIME ...
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT HIM ON HIS OWN
BUT, WHY
BECAUSE HE SEEMED LIKE AN ADULT WHO COULD DO ANYTHING SO I
SHOCK
THAT TIME THE TEACHER PUNISHED ME WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THIS
I...
MOSTLY LACK OF NUTRITION
CAUSE
THE LACK OF SLEEP ON TOP OF MENTAL EXAUSTION AND INDIGESTION.
IT'S VERY SADDENING SEEING THESE KIND OF SYMPTOMS ON A CHILD
HE NEEDS A LOT OF REST TO RECUPERATE

KA
HE OBVIOUSLY IS STILL A CHILD, SO WHY DOES HE TRY SO HARD?
FUUMA-SAMA HE...
EH?
HIS DECEASED MOTHER WAS NOT BORN INTO THE HIGHER CLASS
MAY I ASK?
SATOKO-SAN
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MARRYING INTO THIS FAMILY?
AND WHEN SHE MARRIED INTO THE WAKUDERA FAMILY
IT WAS CLEARLY A FAMILY WHICH IS WELL PROVIDED
THE WAKUDERA FAMILY IS A FAMOUS ONE
IF YOU TRACE BACK, THEY ARE DESCENDANTS OF AN 'OLD RULING CLASS OF THE PERIOD
NOTE: PERIOD OF THE SAMURAIS AND SHOGUN
FROM THEN UNTIL NOW,
EVEN TODAY,
THEIR FAMILY IS VERY BIG ON TRADITIONS

SO BECAUSE OF THAT, THEY BELIEVE THAT IT IS AN HONOR TO BECOME ONE OF THE WAKUDERA FAMILY MEMBERS AND THEY HAVE TO BE ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THEY ARE TO DO SO
MOST OF THE RELATIVES SEE THE FAMILY AS THE ELITE OF THE ELITE IN SOCIETY,
'OLD RULING CLASS' ~?
BUT THE PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN DIDN'T AGREE WITH THEM ON THAT POINT
IMAGINE THIS,
HOW YOU WOULD FEEL IF YOUR OWN MOTHER WAS SNUBBED BY ALL THE OTHER RELATIVES SOLELY BECAUSE SHE WAS COMMON-BORN.
THEN
DO YOU KNOW WHAT RESULT THIS WILL BRING?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ABOUT THIS WORLD
WHAT WILL HAPPEN ?

MOTHER!
ACCORDING TO THE WILL LEFT BY THE EX-CHAIRMAN, ALL OF THE COMPANY'S HOLDINGS AND SUCH WERE TO BE HANDED DOWN TO FUUMA-SAMA.
THERE ARE STILL MANY RELATIVES WHO OBJECT TO THIS BECAUSE OF FUUMA-SAMA'S AGE AND HIS MOTHER
BUT UP UNTIL NOW,
FUUMA-SAMA JUST WANTS TO PROVE,
HOW USELESS THAT USING HIS PARENTAGE AND AGE AGAINST HIM.
SO THAT IS WHY HE WORKS SO HARD
ARE YOU REALLY ONLY 10 YEARS OLD?
I'M SORRY I REALLY AM ONLY 10
HOW POINTLESS IT IS

GYUU...

TAKACHIYO!
IS THIS A PRESENT FOR YOUR BROTHER?
UHM!

YOU CAN'T SLEEP CURLED UP LIKE THAT

HE ALSO HAS A CHILD-LIKE SIDE.
ZZZZ

DOES HE ALWAYS HIDE IT UNDER
THE MATURE MASK HE WEARS?

MOTHER

MOTHER

DREAM ....?
HIRAI
TAKESHI
I WILL PROVE IT TO EVERYONE
LET THEM KNOW,
THAT AGE AND PARENTAGE IS NOT A FACTOR

SOME PEOPLE WILL NEVER LOSE TO THIS KIND OF THING
IN THE MADAM'S SHOES,
WHEN I SEE FUUMA-SAMA AS SOMEONE WHO IS STRONGER THAN ANYONE,
YET IS ALSO MORE DELICATE THAN ANYONE,
THIS IS WHAT I THINK
NEXT TIME,
I HOPE THAT THE ONE WHO APPEARS AT HIS SIDE,
GIVES HIM NOT THE KIND OF LOVE A MOTHER GIVES,
BUT CAN GIVE HIM A COMPLETE AND UTTERLY DEVOTED LOVE
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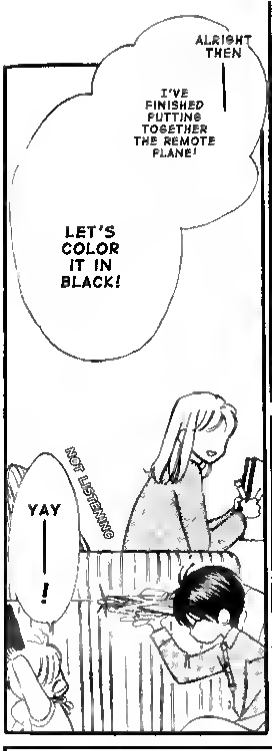

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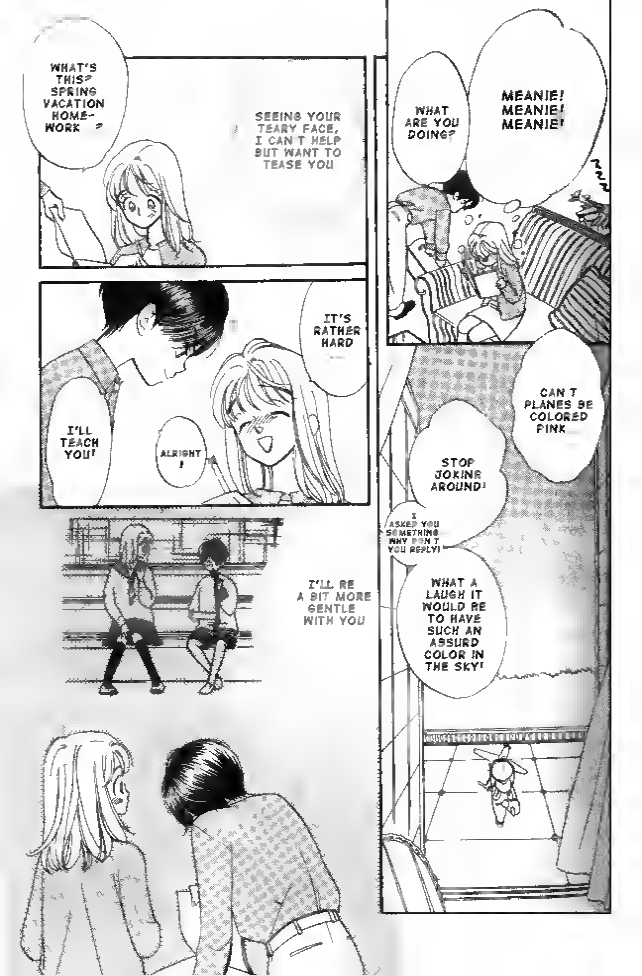
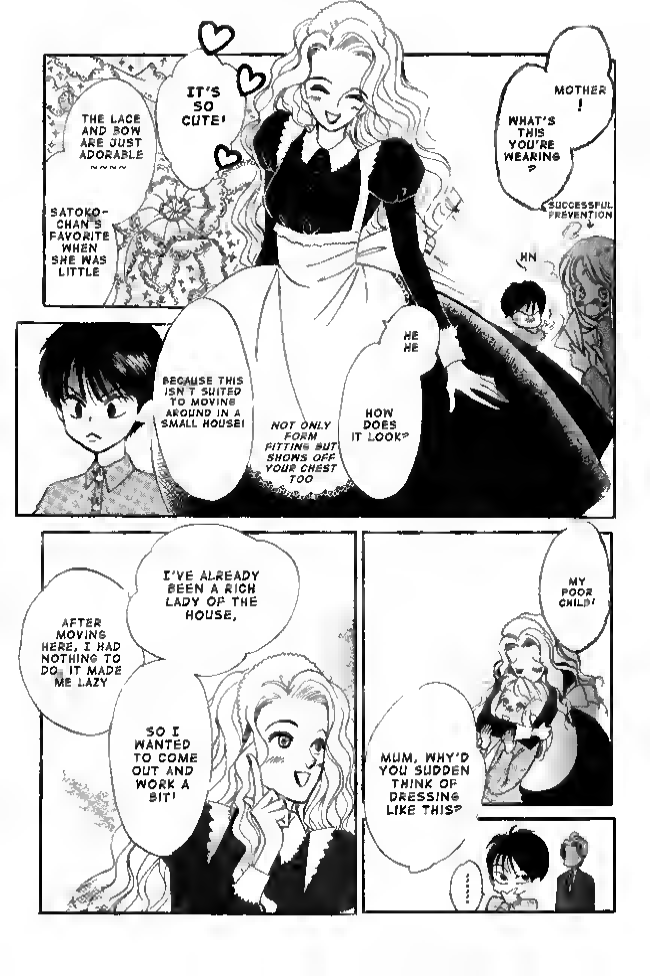

WHAT'S THIS? SPRING VACATION HOME-WORK...?
SEEING YOUR TEARY FACE, I CAN'T HELP BUT WANT TO TEASE YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MEANIE! MEANIE! MEANIE!
IT'S RATHER HARD...
I'LL TEACH YOU!
ALRIGHT.
CAN'T PLANES BE COLORED PINK
STOP JOKING AROUND!
I ASKED YOU SOMETHING WHY DON'T YOU REPLY!
WHAT A LAUGH IT WOULD BE TO HAVE SUCH AN ABSURD COLOR IN THE SKY!
I'LL BE A BIT MORE GENTLE WITH YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU TWO UP TO?
YES!
HUMANS ARE MULTI-CELLULAR ORGANISMS! YOU'VE GOT THE IQ OF A MONKEY!
YOU MORON! WHERE DID YOU PULL THIS ANSWER FROM?!
WHAT? YOU KNOW NOW?! KNOW THAT YOUR BRAIN IS NONEXISTENT?!
AH OH!
THIS IS THE TEACHINGS OF HIS PRIVATE TUTOR COMBINED WITH A SADISTIC STUDENT
VERY IMPATIENT
OH AHHH...
HE'S NOT GENTLE AT ALL!

NOTE: IN JAPAN A STAMP IS USED AS A SIGNATURE AND TO PREVENT FORGERIES

SATOKO-SAN SPENT HALF OF HER SPRING VACATION NURSING THE SICK FUUMA-SAMA,
SO HE FEELS A BIT DISTRESSED ABOUT IT
REALLY ?
OI
STAMP HERE!!
PUT THAT HERE
HE FEELS EMBARASSED ABOUT PAINTING
BUT HE'S ALSO HAPPY THAT SHE LOOKED AFTER HIM
OH
THAT IS ALL THANKS TO SATOKO-SAN'S CARE
LUCKILY FUUMA HAS RECOVERED


THE LACE AND BOW ARE JUST ADORABLE ~~~~
IT'S SO CUTE!
SATOKO-CHAN'S FAVORITE WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE
MOTHER!
WHAT'S THIS YOU'RE WEARING?
SUCCESSFUL PREVENTION
HN
HE HE
HOW DOES IT LOOK?
NOT ONLY FORM FITTING BUT SHOWS OFF YOUR CHEST TOO
BECAUSE THIS ISN'T SUITED TO MOVING AROUND IN A SMALL HOUSE!
I'VE ALREADY BEEN A RICH LADY OF THE HOUSE,
AFTER MOVING HERE, I HAD NOTHING TO DO. IT MADE ME LAZY
SO I WANTED TO COME OUT AND WORK A BIT!
MY POOR CHILD!
MUM, WHY'D YOU SUDDEN THINK OF DRESSING LIKE THIS?
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HAND PAINTED PLATE...
PURE SILK SHEETS...
ANTIQUE VASE...
MA'AM, PLEASE STOP PLAYING MAID...
IT'S BECAUSE YOU HATE ME, RIGHT?
MY MIND IS A MESS,
I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START SORTING,
...I ALSO DON'T KNOW...
BUT EVERYTIME I REMEMBER YOU, IT MAKES MY HEAD SPIN.
TOO MUCH HAPPENING AT ONCE
I DON'T HATE YOU.
I DON'T HATE YOU.

FREE TALK

STILL HALF ASLEEP

GOOD MORNING, SATOKO-SAN!
FUUMA-SAMA SENT THESE GIFTS EARLIER THIS MORNING!!
.....
DON'T YOU LIKE THIS KIND OF THING?
THAT WAS WHEN I WAS LITTLE!
.....
OH! IT SUITS YOU!
NO WONDER SINCE WE GOT A DESIGNER TO SEND THEM OVER FROM FRANCE RIGHT? FUUMA-SAMA!
FRANCE ?!
DON'T MIND IT
WE'VE ALREADY SPENT 100,000,000 YEN ON YOU TWO, ANOTHER 10 OR 100 THOUSAND WON'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE ANYWAY
COME, SIT DOWN!
EH?
PUT YOUR HANDS ON THE GROUND!
AH?
LOOK UP!
HUH?
SIT

DON'T YOU LIKE IT?
IT'S NOT THAT

YOU PAID OFF MY MOTHER'S DEBTS
I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR THAT, BUT
THEN WHY DID YOU WEAR IT?
BECAUSE ALL MY CLOTHES WERE IN THE LAUNDRY
THIS ONE I'M BUYING

I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE THIS WASTEFUL!

HACHI-
VERY GOOD!

AH! HOW CUTE!
YOU THINK LIKE AN OLD LADY
MOTHER!
CAN I BORROW MY LITTLE PRINCESS FOR A LITTLE BIT?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT'S A SECRET!
WHATEVER
FUUMA-SAMA
I....
I...
THOUGHT SHE WOULD BE HAPPY

DON'T YOU DARE LAUGH!
A SINGLE CELL ORGANISM BUT IT'S SO HARD TO COMPREHEND!!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, SIR?
TO EAVESDROP!
SO BLATANTLY OBVIOUSLY...
WANT TO COLOR IT?
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, SHE'S NOT THE TYPE TO BE SWAYED BY MONETARY MEANS
HER TWO FEET ARE GROUNDED AND IS VERY REALISTIC
AH- THAT WAS FUNNY!

UHN
ABSOLVE THE MARRIAGE AGREEMENT?
!!?
WH WH WHY?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT
UHN
I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT I WOULDN'T TELL YOU UNTIL I FINALIZED IT
I ASKED A FRIEND TO FIND ME A NEW JOB.
THEY CONTACTED ME JUST THEN.
AND THEY SAID THEY WANT TO HIRE ME
SO.
THAT MONEY WILL BE OWED TO FUUMA

I JUST NEED TO WORK HARD FOR SOME YEARS TO CLEAN THE SLATE!
RELAX!
PATS BACK
MOM
I ALSO HAVE HESITATIONS TOO
BUT THE ONE GETTING MARRIED ISN'T ME.
YOU DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE ANYWAY. IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE OF THE DEBTS YOU DIDN'T SAY NO, RIGHT?
THIS ARRANGED MARRIAGE WAS ONLY VERBALIZED BY FUUMA, RIGHT?
THE ONLY THING IS WHETHER FUUMA ACCEPTS MY OFFER OR NOT
WE'LL BOTH BE HAPPY!
ABSOLUTELY NOT!
NO PRESSURE?
CAN'T PUT EVERYTHING ON YOUR SHOULDERS!
I'LL COME BACK AND BE MOMMY'S LITTLE GIRL ~~~~~~
I DON'T WISH TO GIVE YOU REGRETS
MOM

NO!
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF!
YOU DON'T EVEN NEED TO WORRY NOW.
ANYWAY
THE WHOLE ARRANGED MARRIAGE THING.
YES, IT MAKES ME ANGRY, BUT...
ANYWAY, FUUMA IS ONLY 10!
MOM
YOU'RE REALLY
FEELS HURT
REALLY
AM I THE CAUSE OF THEIR UNHAPPINESS?
SO
VERY HARD TO PREDICT!
THIS KIND OF THING IS HARD TO PREDICT!
HE COULD ALSO FALL FOR ANOTHER GIRL IN THE NEXT 8 YEARS
WHEN THAT TIME COMES, IT COULD EVEN BE FUUMA WHO DOESN'T WANT TO MARRY ME
IF WE'RE TO GET MARRIED, THERE'S AT LEAST 8 MORE YEARS

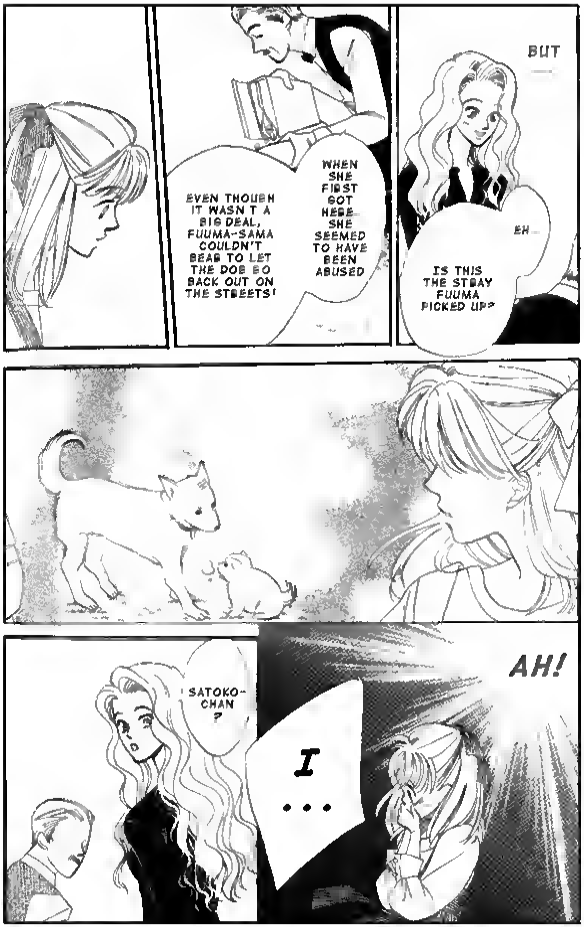
ARE YOU FINISHED YET ?!
YOU DON'T EVEN NEED TO TRY AND SOLVE
SO IT'S FUUMA THIS, MOMMY THAT
ALL YOU DO IS CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT THE SITUATION ...!
FUU ...

DON'T PRESUME EVERYTHING, DON'T MESS WITH OUR FEELINGS!
WE DON'T NEED YOU TO KEEP CHANGING YOUR EMOTIONS!
YOU DON'T WANT THIS, DON'T WANT THAT ..
WHAT YOUR MOTHER AND I TRY TO DO IS DECIDE WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU! WE CAN ALSO DECIDE FOR OURSELVES!
THEN JUST WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
IF YOU DON'T SAY, HOW WOULD WE KNOW?
JUST WHAT THE HECK DO YOU WANT?!

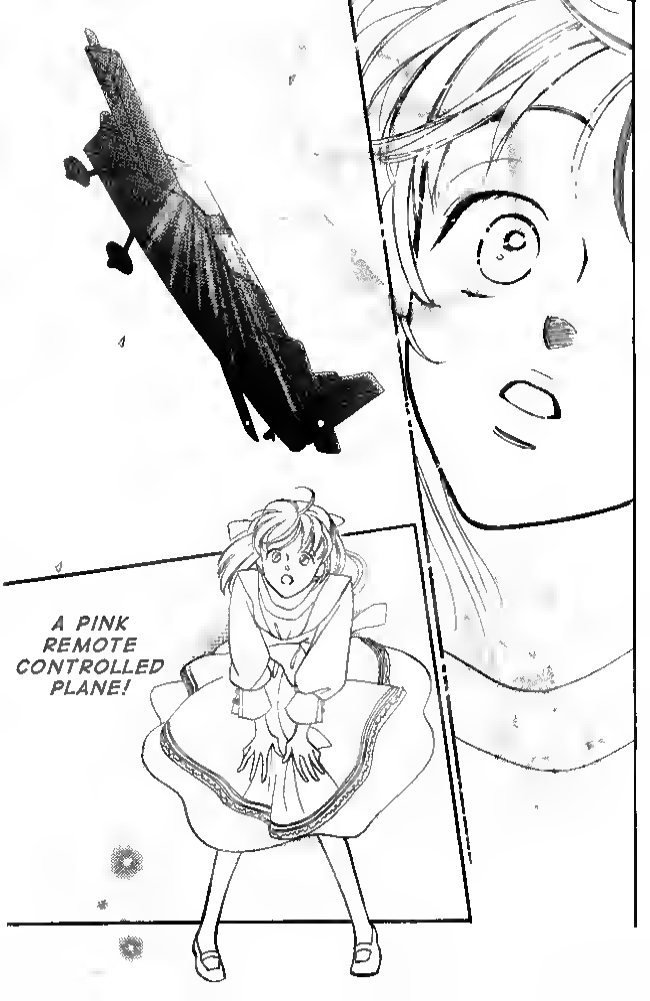
IF YOU WANT TO LOOK SO SAINTLY, HAVE A TASTE OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE FIRST!
YOU MIGHT BE A GENTLE SOUL, NOT WANTING TO HURT ANYONE, BUT...
BUT IN TRUTH YOU ARE HURTING SOMEONE AND YOU DON'T EVEN REALIZE IT! THAT'S A VERY LOW THING TO DO!

YAWNS
AH!
FOUND YOU, FUUMA-SAMA
?
FUUMA-SAMA,
YOUR BROTHER WANTS YOUR HELP WITH COLORING THE PLANE
WHAT I DON'T WANT MOST IS
FUUMA-SAMA?
AH!
TO SEE THAT EXPRESSION ON HER FACE. BUT NOW

JUST WHAT THE HECK DO YOU WANT?!
NO
BUT
HEARING HIM SAY THAT
DOW!
IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE
AH
STARTLED HARD
EH?
THERE'S A KENNEL HERE
THIS IS A KENNEL RIGHT?
EVEN IF I REALLY WANTED TO DISSOLVE THIS ARRANGED MARRIAGE I STILL CAN T
DID MOMMY GIVE YOU
MORE TROUBLE
AGAIN ?


EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T A BIG DEAL, FUUMA-SAMA COULDN'T BEAR TO LET THE DOG GO BACK OUT ON THE STREETS!
WHEN SHE FIRST GOT HERE SHE SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ABUSED
BUT
EH
IS THIS THE STRAY FUUMA PICKED UP?
AH!
I...
SATOKO-CHAN?

ONCE WHEN THIS DOG CAME BARKING AT ME,
IT WAS FUUMA, HE
HE RESCUED ME...
OH!
AH!
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
IT'S BECAUSE YOU HATE ME, RIGHT?
NO, IT'S NOT THAT
AH!

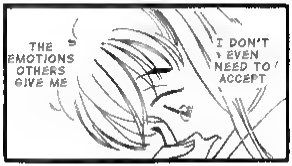

A PINK REMOTE CONTROLLED PLANE!

SATOKO -CHAN!?
HELPING ME ALONE
PROTECTING ME
BUT HE'S MORE LIKE AN ADULT THAN ME
HE'S OBVIOUSLY JUST A LITTLE KID
NO!
PINK !!
FOR ME
ONE SMILE !

AFTER HEARTBREAK, I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO ORGANIZE MY FEELINGS,

BUT IT WAS BECAUSE I HAD A SAFE WALL SUPPORTING ME,

SO I CAN HIDE BEHIND IT



HIDE WITHIN FUUMA'S UNWAVERING FEELINGS FOR ME

ACTUALLY, I ONLY NEED TO OPEN MY ARMS,

THEN HAPPINESS IS RIGHT THERE WAITING FOR ME

I...

JUST WHAT DO YOU WANT?

ACTUALLY, RIGHT NOW
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU MORE THAN WHEN WE STARTED
FROM MY INITIAL REJECTION
TO THE RESULTING OUTCOME
WAS JUST AS IMPORTANT
BECAUSE,
ANSWERING LIKE THAT
IT'S STILL NOT GOOD ENOUGH RIGHT
AH IT WAS ALRIGHT
ATTRACTION IS SOMETHING THAT BUILDS SLOWLY

End of Chapter 4